'Twill bring you gaine, or perish on the seas.
Bap. The gaine I seeke, is quiet me the match.
Gre. No doubt but he hath got a quiet catch,
But now *Baptista*, to your yonger daughter,
Now is the day we long haue looked for,
I am your neighbour, and was suitor first.
Tra. And I am one that loue *Bianca* more
Then words can witnesse, or your thoughts can guesse.
Gre. Yongling thou canst not loue so deare as I.
Tra. Gray-beard thy loue doth freeze.
Gre. But thine doth frie,
Skipper stand backe, 'tis age that nourisheth.
Tra. But youth in Ladies eyes that flourisheth.
Bap. Content you Gentlemen, I will compound this strife
'Tis deeds must win the prize, and he of both
That can assure my daughter greatest dower,
Shall haue my *Biancas* loue.
Say signior *Gremio*, what can you assure her?
Gre. First, as you know, my house within the City
Is richly furnished with plate and gold,
Basons and ewers to laue her dainty hands:
My hangings all of *tirian* tapestrie:
In Iuory coffers I haue stuft my Crownes:
In Cipres chests my arras counterpoints,
Costly apparell, tents, and Canopies,
Fine linnen, Turky cushions bost with pearle,
Vallens of Venice gold, in needle worke:
Pewter and brasse, and all things that belongs
To house or house-keeping: then at my farme
I haue a hundred milch-kine to the pale,
Sixe-score fat Oxen standing in my stalls,
And all things answerable to this portion.
My selfe am strooke in yeeres I must confesse,
And if I die to morrow this is hers
If whil'st I liue she will be only mine.
Tra. That only came welll in: sir, list to me,
I am my fathers heyre and onely sonne,
If I may haue your daughter to my wife,
Ile leaue her houses three or foure as good

Within rich *Pisa* walls, as any one
Old Signior *Gremio* has in *Padua*,
Besides two thousand, Duckets by the yeere
Of fruitfull Land, all which shall be her ioynt
What, haue I pincht you Signior *Gremio*?
Gre. Two thousand Duckets by the yeere
My Land amounts not to so much in all:
That she shall haue, besides an Argosie
That now is lying in Marcellus roade:
What, haue I choakt you with an Argosie
Tra. Gremio, 'tis knowne my father hath
Then three great Argosies, besides two Galli
And twelue tite Gallies, these I will assure he
And twice as much what ere thou offrest nex
Gre. Nay, I haue offred all, I haue no mo
And she can haue no more then all I haue,
If you like me she shall haue me and mine.
Tra. Why then the maid is mine from all
By your firme promise, *Gremio* is out-uied.
Bap. I must confesse your offer is the best,
And let your father make her the assurance,
She is your owne, else you must pardon me:
If you should die before him where's her do
Tra. That's but a cauill: hee is olde, I yo
Gre. And may not yong men die as well
Bap. Well Gentlemen, I am thus resolu'd
On sonday next, you know,
My daughter *Katherine* is to be married:
Now on the sonday following shall *Bianca*
Be Bride to you, if you make this assurance:
If not to Signior *Gremio*:
And so I take my leaue, and thanke you both
Gre. Adieu good neighbour: now I feare
Sirra, yong gamester, your father were a foo
To giue thee all, and in his waining age
Set foot vnder thy table: tut, a toy,
An olde Italian foxe is not so kinde my boy.
Tra. A vengeance on your crafty withere
Yet I haue fac'd it with a card of ten:

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